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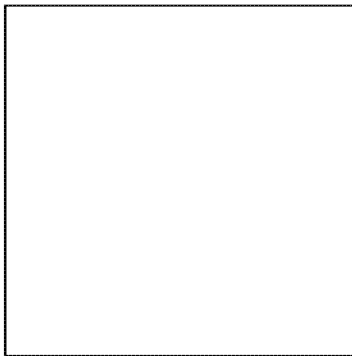
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CCAIEJ asks that you join with the Families near the Ag Park to demand justice!

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*For far too long, the Ag Park site
contamination has been swept
under the rug. It's time to pull back
the cover and tell the truth!*

Riverside's Dirty Little Secret!

The Agricultural Park

For far too long, the truth about the Ag Park—it's history, extent of contamination and extent of influence peddling by officials, developers, and the powerful has been hidden. The approval to build homes on this property has raised the urgency for the truth to come out. Given the past history of deception by those

involved, local residents are asking that independent testing be conducted before homes are built and families move in.

The land located on the south side of the Santa Ana river, west of Van Buren and where the new extension of Jurupa Ave goes, is part of what has come to be called "Agricultural Park" (Ag Park). Recently the name has changed to Arroyo Park as the developer moves toward building homes on the site.

While the issues are complicated, the results are critical. Given the past history of the City and the Developer at this site, one can not trust that the clean up has been done correctly. The stakes are too great (health of new families moving in) to leave it to their word. The community has two requests:

You are invited to join us at a
People's Hearing for Justice
Wednesday May 27th
6:00-8:00pm
Terrace Elementary School
6601 Rutland Ave. Riverside 92503

A distinguish panel of experts and social justice advocates will hear testimony from residents and City workers who have been exposed to PCBs, dioxin, furans, and other toxic chemicals from this site.

The Ag Park site was a sewer treatment facility and dump for military, industrial and residential waste. Chemicals like Mercury, Arsenic, Chromium, Lead,

- 1) Independent verification that there is no contamination in the soil, groundwater, or air.
- 2) Due to the past exposures to

PCBs, Tetrachloroethane, Toluene, Trichloroethane, Dichlorobenzene, Perchlorate, Thallium, Dioxin and Furans have been detected at the site. The clean up has been conducted under a voluntary clean up program where the developer and their hired consultants test, remove and treat the contamination on their own. No agency has conducted testing to verify what the developers paid consultants say has been done. We demand independent testing to verify the site is actually clean before homes are built.

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toxic chemicals from the shabby clean up and grading, local residents want their homes (attics, interior and yards) tested by an independent consultant to ensure they are not continuing to be exposed. If contaminants are found they want their homes cleaned inside and out like they are doing at the Exide site in Vernon.

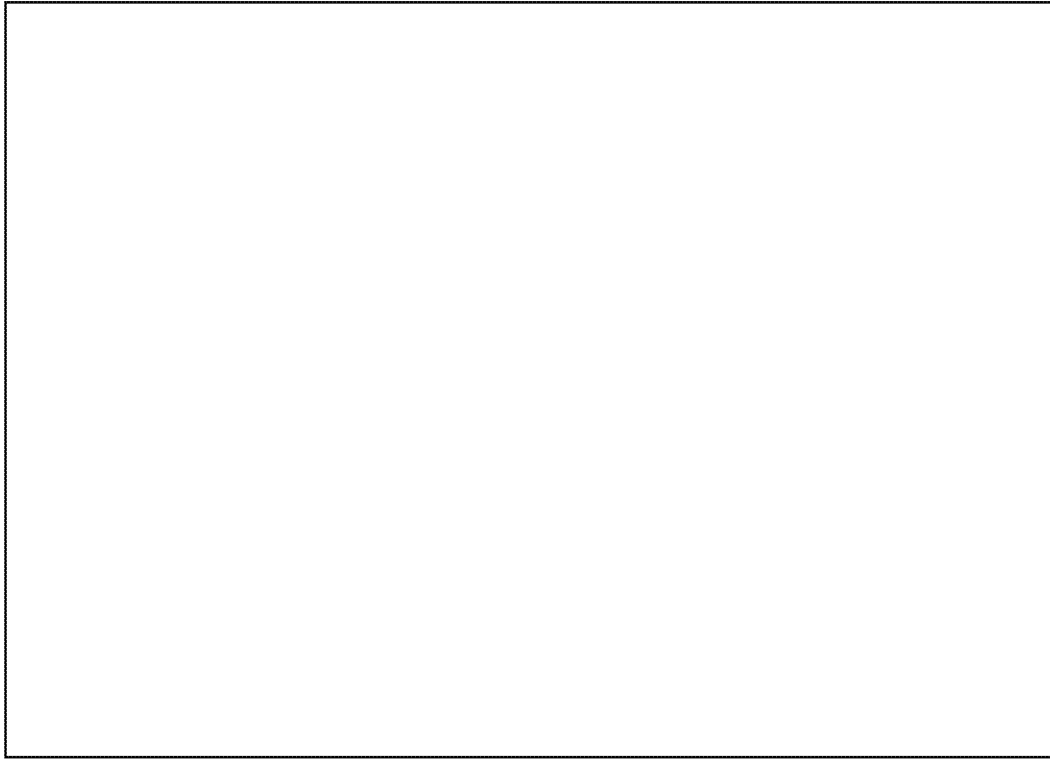
[Click here for more information about the Ag Park Cover up](#)

Why We Don't Trust the City or the Developer

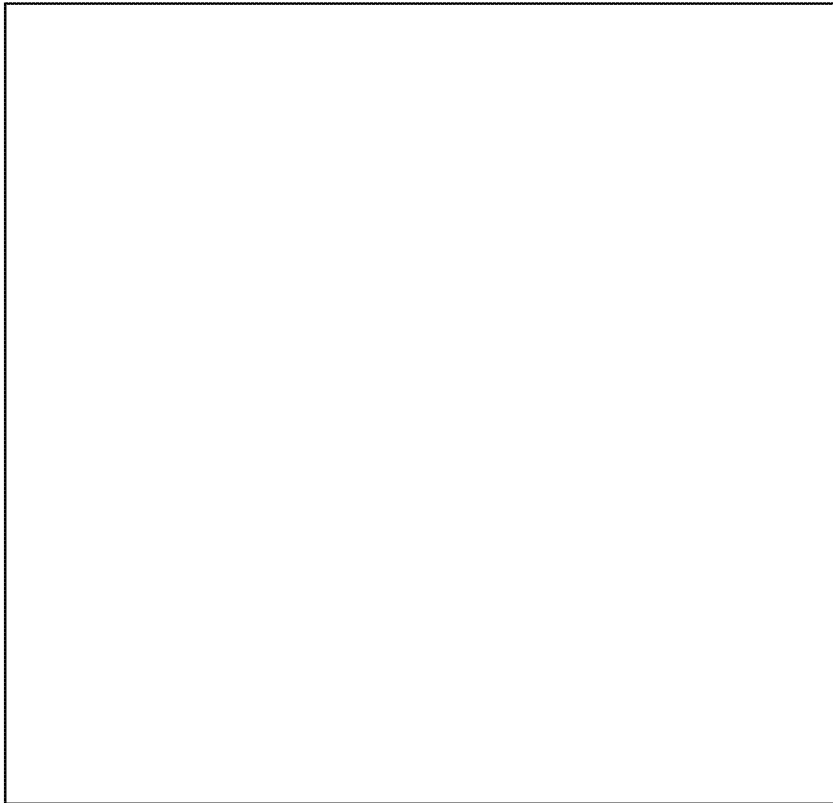
In June 2003, the developer, Friends of Riverside Airport LLC (aka Chuck Cox) entered the site illegally - before he owned it and without permits - and began grading and moving dirt. On June 17, 2003, in an effort to demolish the sewer digester, the contractor ruptured the digester releasing more than 10,000 gallons of contaminated sewage sludge. Instead of notifying the appropriate agencies - AS REQUIRED BY LAW - Mr. Cox tried to clean it up on his own. When the pumping truck company refused to move the sludge due to its high ph levels and smell, he was forced to tell the City on July 7, 2003, The City instead of notifying the appropriate agencies, sent City workers into clean up the chemical waste. Workers

were ordered to pump out the liquid sludge and haul it to the Acorn Sewage Treatment Plant next to Van Buren Blvd. where the liquid was mixed with dirt to make a bulk waste that could be hauled to a hazardous waste

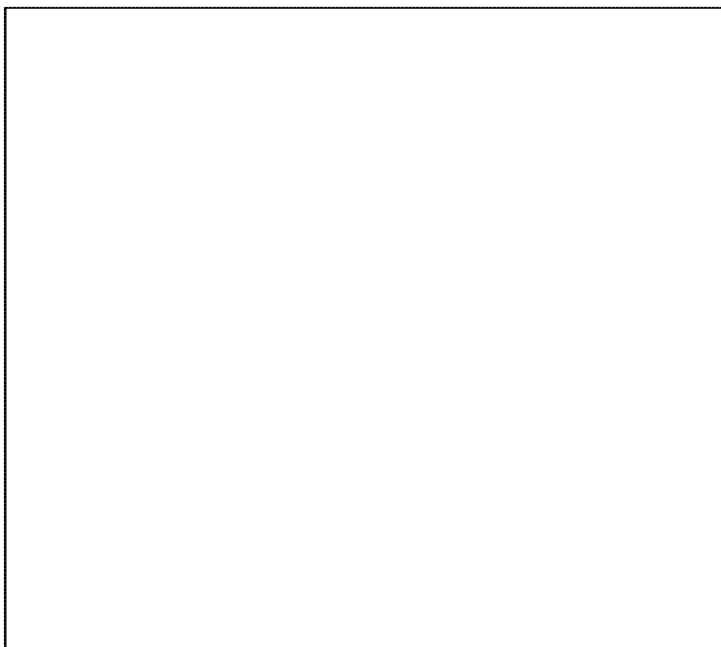
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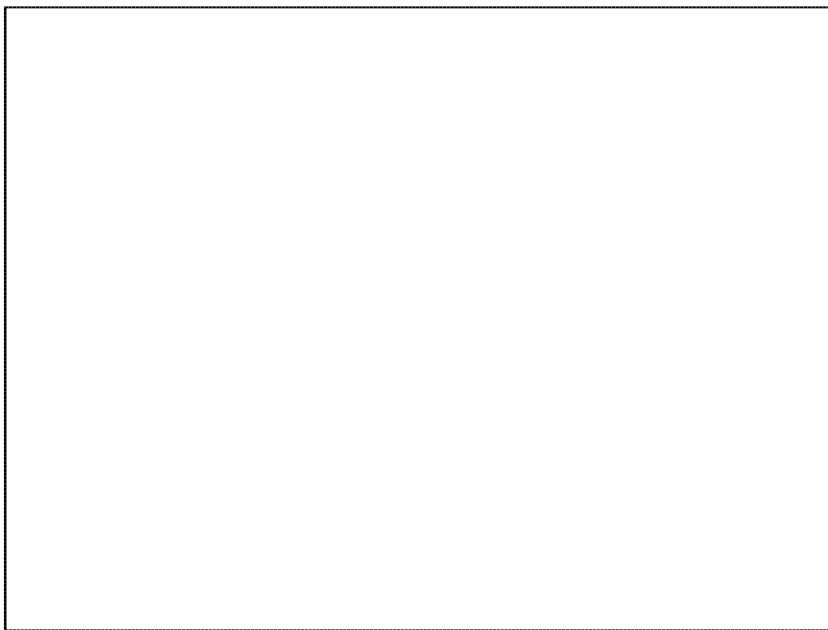
Sewer Digester containing more than 43,000 gallons of PCB contaminated sludge.



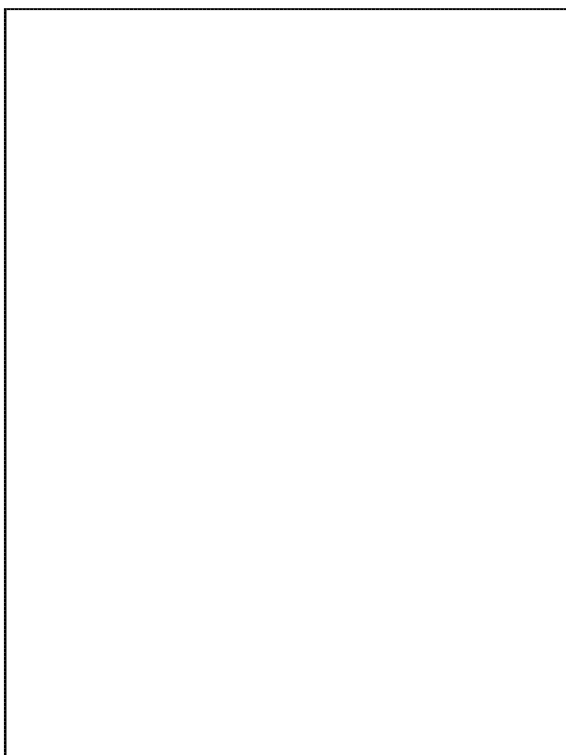
Sludge from ruptured tank containing PCBs, Dioxins, furans and other toxic chemicals



Contaminated sludge being mixed with dirt instead of being handled as hazardous waste by hazwaste professionals.



Mounds of dirt are piled next to homes blowing contaminated dust throughout the neighborhood.



Residents are fighting back. They rally for justice at meeting with the Director of Dept. of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to demand independent testing of the site and their homes.

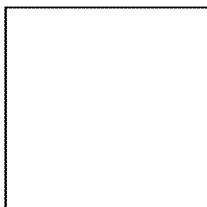
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and hear the whole story of this coverup.

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